APPROVED August 18, 1959
Montana Highway Patrol Board
By /s/ Martin J. Murphy
Secretary

August 6, 1959

ORDINANCE No. 9-59

By virtue of authority contained in Article VI, section 1(k) of the Constitution for the Blackfeet Tribe of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, Montana, the Law and Order Code of the Blackfeet Indian Tribe is hereby amended as follows:

1. The rules and regulations governing the operation of motor vehicles on highways within the Blackfeet Tribe shall be measured by and identical to the laws of the State of Montana -- specifically, the Revised Codes of Montana for 1947, Title 32, Chapter 11 relating to Speed and Traffic Regulations, Title 32, Chapter 12 being the Uniform Accident Reporting Act, and Title 32, Chapter 21 being the Uniform Act Regulating Traffic on Highways -- as amended and in force on June 26, 1959, subject to the following necessary qualifications:

a. The words "local authorities" or similar terms used in said State Code shall be deemed to

include the Blackfeet Tribal Council;

b. The words "peace officer", "local police department" or "officer of the Montana highway patrol", or similar terms used in said State Code shall be deemed to include members of the Blackfeet tribal police force, Indian Bureau policemen or other law enforcement officers employed by the Federal or tribal government;

c. The words "county or municipal jail" or similar terms used in said State Code shall be deemed to mean the Blackfeet tribal jail; and

d. All offenses punishable under said State Code shall be triable in the Blackfeet Tribal court, and all fines collected shall be paid to the Blackfeet Tribe for use exclusively in the maintenance of law and order on the Blackfeet Reservation.

2. No person subject to the jurisdiction of the Blackfeet Tribe may operate a motor vehicle on highways within the Blackfeet Reservation unless he or she possesses a driver's license and license plates valid for use outside the Reservation, as set forth in the Revised Codes of Montana, Title 31, Chapter 1 relating to the Highway Patrol and Title 53, Chapter 1 relating to the Registration of Motor Vehicles. Any violation of this provision shall be punishable in tribal court on the same terms and conditions as a like offense would be punishable in State court.

3. The Blackfeet Tribal Council, in the interest of promoting traffic safety, may issue deputy commissions as tribal police to members of the Montana Highway Patrol, and any officers holding such deputy commissions shall have the same powers to apprehend and arrest persons subject to the jurisdiction of the Blackfeet Tribe as the tribal police.

4. The Blackfeet tribal court, through the Secretary of the Blackfeet Tribal Council, shall send monthly reports to the Montana Highway Patrol concerning traffic cases on forms to be provided by the Highway Patrol.

THE BLACKFEET TRIBE OF THE BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION

By: /s/ Walter S. Wetzel, Chairman
Walter S. Wetzel, Chairman
Blackfeet Tribal Business Council

ATTEST:

/s/ Iliff McKay
Iliff McKay, Secretary
Blackfeet Tribal Business Council

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the above foregoing ordinance was adopted by the Blackfeet Tribal Council in Regular Session duly called, noticed, convened for business the 6th day of August, 1959 with seven (7) members present to constitute a quorum.

By: /s/ Iliff McKay
Iliff McKay, Secretary
Blackfeet Tribal Business Council